

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 768

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Takela Jeanette  
Matthews, 2002 Salutatorian of Frayser High  
School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Takela Jeanette Matthews is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2002 graduating class at Frayser High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Matthews has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Takela Jeanette Matthews has earned an exemplary grade point average, the William H. Sweet Academic Award, the AVID Academic Award, and the Science and Humanities Award; and

WHEREAS, listed in the exclusive *Who's Who Among the Nation's Top Students*, she is also included on the National Honor Roll and has been selected as an Horatio Alger Scholar; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Matthews proudly supports and represents her school as a member of the Cheerleading Team, the Track Team, the Yearbook Staff, the Choir, Aspire, and Sister 2 Sister; and

WHEREAS, as an involved member of her community, Takela Jeanette Matthews participates in a number of civic organizations, including Teens for Peace, the Tennessee Mentorship Program, and the LeBonheur Candy Striper Program; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Matthews's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success in the United States Army, at Kentucky State University, and, later, in medical school; and

WHEREAS, Takela Jeanette Matthews's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Demetria Edwards and Robert Edwards, Jr., her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Matthews's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2002 Frayser High School Salutatorian, Takela Jeanette Matthews, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.